

Corps communicates careers with college students

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Several students from the University of New Mexico's Sophomore Seminars in Career Awareness class learned about the overall operation and diversity of jobs within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District in March and April.

The sophomores received a 90-minute in-class overview of the District at UNM presented by Cecilia Horner, Albuquerque District Supervisory Civil Engineer, and Danielle Galloway, Albuquerque District Biologist, in March.

A month later, a one-hour tour of Tingley Beach and Bio Park in Albuquerque, a corps project that was completed in the fall of 2005, was provided. On-site presentations by Albuquerque District employees Gene Jaramillo, Project Engineer, Howie Gonzales, Project Manager, Greg Everhart, Archaeologist, Horner, and Galloway, provided the students with an understanding of the dynamics and complexities involved in making such a project a reality from the early design phases to the completion stage.

The opportunity to present to UNM's Sophomore Seminars in Career Awareness class was discovered at a Public Affairs Council meeting held at the District office here, July 2006. Since then, the District has been invited to give a similar presentation to UNM's Careers in Science and Engineering class in 2008, as well give a repeat presentation to the UNM Sophomore Seminars in Career Awareness class.

If you are interested in conducting speaking engagements on behalf of the District, contact Bruce Hill, Chief of Public Affairs at 342-3171.



Gene Jaramillo, District Project Engineer, shows UNM students the pumping station built to accommodate the three Tingley Beach ponds that the corps helped the City of Albuquerque design and build.



Greg Everhart, District Archaeologist, talks about the history of the Tingley Beach area.



Cecilia Horner, District Supervisory Civil Engineer, shows the students actual designs for Tingley Bio Park.